

**Section I (Amendment of the Specification)**

At pages 6-7, please replace paragraph [0026] with the following new paragraph [0026]:

[0026] Referring now to Figs. 2 and 5 a guard 200 is shown coupled to a guarded coupling 100 at the bulk canister 105 as indicated at 520. The guard 200 is about a 4 inch to 6 inch long shield ~~which~~ that may be removably inserted into the bulk canister 105 as indicated at 520. The bulk canister ~~120~~ 105 may then be coupled to the chemical delivery system 101 as indicated at 530 for removal of a liquid chemical therefrom as ~~indicate~~ indicated at 540. Continuing with reference to Fig. 5, a purge, for example, of the delivery line 115, may be applied as indicated at 550. As the bulk canister 105 is pressurized through the delivery line 115 during purging, splattering and splashing of the high purity chemical may occur. As described below, the guard 200 is configured to prevent liquid chemical from escaping the bulk canister 105 through the guarded coupling 100.